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## JAPAN SINCERE IN HOPE DISARMING TO BE AGREED ON

(By Associated Press.)  
Tokio, Oct. 24.—The proposed curtailment of armament expenditure is urgent," said President K. Inukai of the Kokuminto party, addressing his fellow members at party headquarters. "Japan has a golden opportunity at the Washington conference. Japan should make her position quite clear to the world in the hopes of convincing it of the peaceful and negative policy of this Empire in regard to the construction of armament."

"Japan will be content so long as she is enabled to enjoy commerce in peace. If she has been misunderstood abroad as being militaristic, it is because of the wrong policy of ambitious military men who were in a position to dominate the state administration. The majority of the people are opposed to anything like militarism. This is quite clear from the fact that public opinion is pronouncedly opposed to the further maintenance of troops in Siberia."

"The dual diplomacy of this country, however, has become a thing of the past. If Japan succeeds in convincing the powers of this at the Washington conference, it will not be difficult for Japan to reach an agreement abroad concerning her fundamental policy on raw materials and surplus population."

The party leader continued: "At the Pacific conference, the probability is that China questions will constitute the most serious elements of the agenda. The Japanese should be advised to give up their so-called special position in China and to compete with others on fair ground. In respect of capital, Japan is no match for the other powers but she is nevertheless, in a favorable position in China because of topographical advantages, a larger number of residents there, and similarity in literature and language. But only when she assumes a fair and open attitude toward China will she find the Washington conference opportunity for securing a proper understanding with the other powers regarding her own position in the world."

## Communism Has a Star in Kamchatka

(By Associated Press.)  
Tokio, Oct. 24.—Professor Yasugi of the Tokyo Foreign Language school who has just returned from a tour through North Sakhalin and Kamchatka, says that Peropavlovsk is now under the administration of five representatives of communists. The dictators are by no means influential, nor is their administrative policy anything like that of Bolsheviks. Without army or any defensive equipments, the district is entirely thrown open to foreigners in general.

He continued: "The chief of the dictators is young but is the possessor, it seems to me, of a good character, and entertains no hostile policy against the Japanese. At present order in these quarters is well maintained. The entire shore region of Kamchatka is most suitable for fishing and the majority of the Japanese residents are engaged

## Japan Sends Her Strongest Leader to Arming Confab

(By Associated Press.)  
Tokio, Oct. 24.—Simplicity and modesty are the striking traits of Admiral Tomosaburo Kato, Minister of Marine, who as Japanese delegate to the Washington conference, will fill a most important role in the deliberations there. It was Kato's statement to the Associated Press last year which first let the world know that Japan was ready seriously to discuss the armament limitation. As evidence of sincerity he announced that his country would not necessarily insist upon the completion of the much talked-of 8-8 program, that is to say, the maintenance of eight dreadnaughts and eight battle-cruisers.

Japan's naval minister is not only a man of proven sea calibre but he is a statesman of achievement. A conservative Japanese newspaper said that he could handle all the problems that may conceivably be brought up at the conference with as much intelligence and skill as anybody else. But his strongest recommendation is that of being a man of decision who will not hesitate to assume necessary responsibilities at important moments without reference to the home government.

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## Many Charges to Be Considered in Power Boat Races

(By Associated Press.)

Detroit, Oct. 24.—Several changes in the rules governing various powerboat racing classics, will be considered by the American Powerboat association, the governing body of the sport in the United States, at its meeting in New York, October 27. The association will assign dates for the various regattas to be held throughout the country during 1922.

Tentative dates for virtually all the big regattas of the year have been proposed to the association. With the association's approval the Gold Cup event will be held in Detroit, August 26 to September 5.

The first event of the year is an ocean cruiser race from Miami to Palm Beach, Fla., February 11. A cruiser dash from Miami to Key West on February 18 and a race from Miami to Havana on February 25, have been tentatively arranged.

The Fisher-Allison and the Wood-Fisher trophies will be raced for twice during the year. The first competition will be at Miami, March 2, 3 and 4 for the Fisher-Allison and March 6, 7 and 8 for the Wood-Fisher.

Following the Miami races the next big regatta will be at Chicago, July 19 to August 12, inclusive. There will follow a three day competition at Hamilton, Ont., August 17, 18 and 19, and then the Detroit regatta. Detroit will combine the Wood-Fisher event with the Gold Cup races, and the second running of the Fisher-Allison will go to Hamilton, Ont., at a date to be announced later.

Probably the most radical change in the rules to be considered is one affecting future contests for the Gold Cup, regarded as the most valued of all prizes raced for solely by craft owned in North America. The proposal, made by the Detroit Gold

Cup committee, of which Gar Wood, several times winner and present holder of the trophy, is a member, is that the event again be restricted to boats of the displacement type, instead of hydroplanes. Competition for the Gold Cup in recent years has dwindled until but few owners have shown an inclination to compete in speed production with Gar Wood. The committee proposes to open the way for competition in this classic by smaller craft of the "utility type" with a speed of between 35 and 40 miles an hour, as against the 75 to 80 miles an hour developed by the heavily powered hydroplanes built for speed only.

In agreeing to the proposed changes in the deed of gift of the Gold Cup, Wood pointed out that the hydroplanes would find plenty of opportunity for speed development in competition for the British International (Harmsworth) trophy event.

Other changes suggested include a reduction in the piston displacement allowance for contenders in the Fisher-Allison and the Wood-Fisher events for displacement craft. It is

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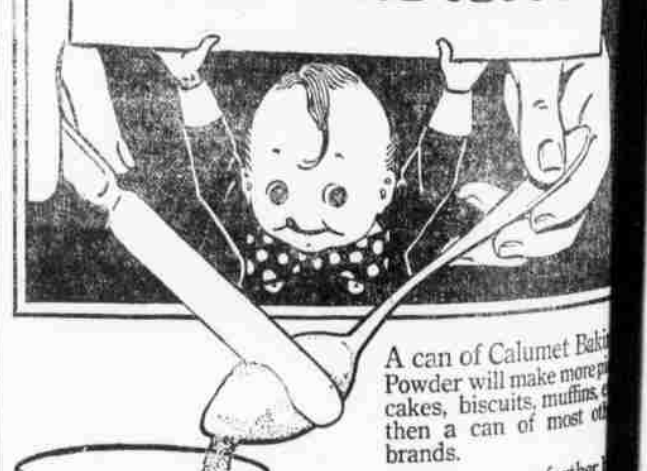
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